

BUENA VISTA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA

5:00 P.M.

August 24, 2023

W. P. Ramsey Education Center

ATTENDANCE: School Board Members – Present: Teresa Ellison, John Rice, John Roberts and Wayne Flint. Remote participation: Lisa Kerr and Mac Felts. Absent: Roy Mohler – family matter. Also present: Dr. Tony Francis, Dr. Gennifer Miller and Sandra Mohler.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence were observed.

There was a need to amend the Agenda to allow Lisa Kerr and Mac Felts to participate remotely. Wayne Flint made the motion to approve the Agenda including allowing remote participation. It was seconded by John Rice and passed with a 4-0 vote.

Lisa Kerr and Mac Felts signed in via their phones to begin their remote participation.

PRESENTATION:

Stronger Connections Grant – Dr. Miller presented information regarding a new grant from Title IV Stronger Connections Grant for the division. We are requesting a total of \$351,974. The grant includes funds for new cameras and security doors for PMMS and the Ramsey Center. Intercom systems for Kling and Enderly and cameras for Kling's playground area. Vape sensors for PMMS. A safe for each school to be used by the SROs and SSOs for their supplies. Purchase Stop It app, which is an anonymous reporting app. Installation will be from Thanksgiving to Winter Break. Hopefully, the DOE will approve it in October.

Welcome of Visitors – no comments.

Consent Agenda

Wayne Flint made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that included Minutes from the August 24, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting, vendor and payroll payments. It was seconded by John Rice and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Action Items

- A. **Stronger Connections Grant** - Chair Ellison had one question, when you get quotes, how long are they valid? Dr. Francis said 90 days, most of ours are state contracted vendors. John Roberts made the motion to approve the Stronger Connections Grant. It was seconded by John Rice, and passed by an 6-0 vote.
- B. **Model Policies** - Dr. Francis discussed these at the last school meeting. He spoke with our attorney about 22.1-23.3. Model Policies were discussed at retreat. VSBA policies don't match the model policies. Mac Felts made the motion to approve the model policies as presented. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote.

- C. **Update CIP Plan** - John Rice made the motion to approve the updated CIP plan as presented. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote..

Informational Items

- A. **Policy Committee Report** - no report.
- B. **Finance Committee Report** - At the end of the year last year, we spent 95% of the budget; this year we are 8% through the budget year and we've spent 4% of the budget.
- C. **Additional School Board Report** - no additional reports
- D. **Superintendent Report**
- a. **Wilson Workforce Center** - 1st phase is the smaller building beside the old Courtesy Motors building. Starting to teach classes in limited numbers. We will have some students attending classes there in the spring. They will begin work in September on the Courtesy Motors building. The tentative opening date is January, 2025. Still short, about \$400,000. Mountain Gateway is working on getting grants and donations. John Roberts asked how many spots we were allotted. Dr. Francis said we are not limited by spots, but they will look at enrollment. They have been good to us, so I think we will get the spots we need.
 - b. **Narcan (Naloxone) Training** - Narcan training for staff, administrators, secretaries, athletic trainers, some of our coaches will be held on October 23rd during our teacher workday. After training, Narcan will be issued by the Department of Health and it will be available at each school. All of our SROs are trained and do carry it now:
 - c. **Enrollment** - We had 884 students on the first day (including PK - no funding), last year was 886 students. We are in line with our enrollment, we based our budget on 825 students K-12.
- E. **Instructional Report**
- a. **School Opening Updates** - We had a good opening to our school year. Enderly still needs teachers, but we will talk about that in closed session. Really good start. We are in the middle of doing SGAs (Student Growth Assessments) which measures where students are now as compared to last year.
 - b. We joined the CIP Consortium to give us our benchmarks, pacing guides and instructional staff will have materials and assessments that are ready made and are aligned with our standards of learning.
 - c. **One Book, One School** planning "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe". We will begin reading on October 3rd and the big event will be held on November 2nd at Glen Maury Park. We added the high school this year.
 - d. Working on evaluation goals for principals, administrators and teachers. We are getting data together with the beginning of the year SGAs and benchmarks to determine our goals and setting our goals for the end of the year.
 - e. We have teachers, instructional coaches and reading specialists involved in VLA (Virginia Literacy Act) training that will begin next Fall. We may also have new Math and a possibility of new Science and History standards.
- F. **Special Education/Nurses Report** - Adopting a new Threat Assessment - harm to others and self -includes the initial interviews then interventions/discipline with conclusion and discharge. SPP reports - met requirements for Reading and almost met for Math. One

area scored no compliance due to inaccurate data submission - percentages of service times. Virtual submissions was an issue. 2% cap on tuition - excess of tuition will be paid by locality and school divisions. OCS will then reimburse localities. Nurses are staying busy with flu shorts and hearing/vision screenings.

G. Nutrition/Transportation/Maintenance/HR Report - Work on the C wing HVAC at the High School. Schools are in good operating condition. Summer work projects helped with these improvements. Transportation - all bus driver positions filled. Looking at purchasing vans for next year.

John Rice made the motion to go into closed session for the consideration and discussion of personnel matters as it relates to superintendent's contract extension, performance, appointments, new hires, resignations and retirements according to {State Law 2.2-3711 (A) (1) and for the discussion and consideration of student matters as it relates to religious exemption according to {State Law 2.2-3711 (A) (2). It was seconded by Wayne Flint and passed by a 6-0 vote. Motion carried.

Wayne Flint made the motion to adjourn Closed Session. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 6-0 vote.

The Certification was read and the Board was polled:

Mr. Felts – yes

Mr. Roberts – yes

Mr. Flint - yes

Mr. Rice – yes

Ms. Ellison – yes

Mrs. Kerr - yes

John Roberts made a motion to hire Sierra Hancock and Destiny Twitty as paraprofessionals for the school year 23-24 pending a successful background check. It was seconded by John Rice and it passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made a motion to hire Susan Lawrence as a teacher effective school year 23-24 pending a successful background check. It was seconded by Mac Felts and it passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made a motion to hire Joseph Walker as a long-term substitute effective school year 23-24 pending successful background check. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and it passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made a motion to hire Tiffany Tyree as a nutritional worker effective school year 23-24 pending a successful background check. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and it passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made a motion to hire Heather Southers as a bus aide effective September 1, 2023 pending a successful background check. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and it passed by a 6-0 vote..

John Roberts made a motion to accept the religious exemption for students ID 8242023 and 8242024. It was seconded by John Rice and it passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made a motion to add Lisa Clark as a substitute teacher for school year 23-24. Seconded by Wayne Flint and it passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made a motion to accept the Fall Sports coaching roster as presented. It was seconded by Wayne Flint and it passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made a motion to accept Ginger Lanier as a substitute school nurse for school year 23-24. Wayne Flint seconded and it passed by a 6-0 vote.

John Roberts made a motion to accept the resignation of Heather Glass effective August 11, 2023. Wayne Flint seconded and it passed by a 6-0 vote.

Wayne Flint made the motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Teresa R. Ellison
Teresa Ellison, Chairman

September 28, 2023
Date

Sandra Mohler
Sandra Mohler, Clerk

9/28/2023
Date